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SELECTED ITEMS OF AMMUNITION

PER REQUEST MR. ACKERSON, OP/GSA, DRAFT REPORT FOR SUBJECT  
STUDY IS QUOTED BELOW.

BEGIN TEXT:

NOTE BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR, CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING

1. A DRAFT REPORT IS ATTACHED FOR SUBMISSION TO THE COUNCIL  
WITH THE IPC REP

DT ON THE LEAD-TIME STUDY (AC/143-D/358).

THIS DRAFT HAS BEEN PREPARED IN THE LIGHT OF THE SCEPC'S  
DECISION (AC/98-DS/104, ITEM X) AT ITS APRIL 1975, MEETING  
AND SUBSEQUENT ATTEMPTS TO FIND A SUITABLE WAY TO PRESENT  
THE IPC REPORT TO THE COUNCIL.

2. THIS WORKING PAPER WILL BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR  
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THE MEETING OF THE SCEPC ON 10TH-11TH JULY NEXT.

(SIGNED) W.E. FARRANT

STUDY ON LEAD-TIMES FOR THE RESUPPLY

OF SELECTED ITEMS OF AMMUNITION

DRAFT REPORT BY THE SENIOR CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. THE SENIOR CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE BRINGS TO THE NOTICE OF THE COUNCIL THE ATTACHED REPORT BY THE INDUSTRIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE (IPC) (FRANCE, ICELAND AND PORTUGAL DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE STUDY. GREECE TOOK NO PART IN THE LATTER STAGES. THE NMAS PARTICIPATED THROUGHOUT.) ON A STUDY OF THE LEAD-TIMES FOR THE RESUPPLY OF SIX TYPICAL AND CRITICAL ITEMS OF AMMUNITION SELECTED FOR STUDY BY THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES (NMAS). THIS WAS A PRODUCTION FEASIBILITY STUDY. THE IPC COLLATED NATIONAL DATA ABOUT EXISTING INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY TO PRODUCE SELECTED AMMUNITION ITEMS SO AS TO MEET MILITARY REQUIREMENTS WHEN PRE-PLANNED WAR RESERVE STOCKS WERE EXHAUSTED. THE STUDY TOOK NO ACCOUNT OF THE POSSIBLE LOSS OF PRODUCTION CAPACITY FOR ANY REASON.

2. THE REPORT CONCLUDES THAT THE PRESENT LEAD-TIMES, FOR ITEMS WHICH ARE RELATIVELY EASY TO MANUFACTURE, WOULD RANGE FROM 90 TO 630 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF PLACING AN ORDER. IT CAN REASONABLY BE ASSUMED THAT THE LEAD-TIMES FOR OTHER AMMUNITION WOULD BE OF THE SAME ORDER.

3. THUS, A DISTURBING GAP CURRENTLY EXISTS BETWEEN THE POINT IN TIME AT WHICH THE PRE-PLANNED 30 COMBAT DAYS' WAR RESERVE STOCKS (MC 55/2) WOULD BE SPENT AND THE MOMENT AT WHICH RE-SUPPLY COULD BE EFFECTED, THE MORE SO IN THE LIGHT OF THE WAR RESERVE STOCKS ACTUALLY HELD BY MEMBER NATIONS AND THE ATTRITION RATES EXPERIENCED IN THE RECENT MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT.

4. BY WAY OF COMMENT ON THIS REPORT, THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES HAVE DRAWN ATTENTION TO THE MILITARY COMMITTEE'S APPRECIATION OF THE MILITARY SITUATION, GIVEN TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL IN NOVEMBER 1974, WHICH STATED (MCM-78-74, SECRET

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PARAGRAPH 67 (C) (1)) THAT MOST NATIONS HAVE NO PLANS TO PROVIDE THE SUSTAINED STOCKS WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED UNTIL NORMAL RE-SUPPLY BECOMES EFFECTIVE, NOR HAVE THEY MADE ANY PLANS FOR THE RE-SUPPLY ITSELF.

5. THE COUNCIL IS INVITED TO:

(A) NOTE THE REPORT;

(B) EXPRESS CONCERN THAT THE EXISTING PRODUCTION CAPACITY IS UNABLE TO RE-SUPPLY THE AMMUNITION NEEDED WHEN THE PRE-PLANNED WAR RESERVE STOCKS ARE EXHAUSTED;

(C) NOTE THAT THE POSSIBLE BUDGETARY AND THE MILITARY/ STRATEGIC CONSEQUENCES OF ACCEPTING THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE REPORT ARE AS YET LARGELY UNKNOWN;

(D) REQUEST THE APPROPRIATE NATO BODIES TO DEVELOP  
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING AMMUNITION PRODUCTION  
CAPACITY, INCLUDING APPROPRIATE STANDARDIZATION/  
RATIONALIZATION MEASURES;

(E) SUGGEST THAT THE DEFENCE REVIEW COMMITTEE, HAVING  
REGARD TO THE REPORT TO MINISTERS ON ALLIED DEFENCE  
PROBLEMS FOR THE 1970S (SPRING 1975) (DPC/D(75)9,  
PARAGRAPHS 32-37 AND ANNEX), SHOULD TAKE THE IPC  
REPORT INTO ACCOUNT IN CONNECTION WITH ITS STUDY  
ON WAR RESERVE STOCKS; AND  
(F) PROVIDE THE SENIOR CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING  
COMMITTEE WITH GUIDANCE ON ANY ADDITIONAL STUDIES  
WHICH THE COUNCIL MAY WISH TO HAVE CARRIED OUT.

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